Where Racing Flourishes in Winter Months

Eddie Rickenbacker Wins Fourth Consecutive Race at New Orleans

FOUR IN ROW FOR RICKENBACKER AT SOUTHERN TRACK

Carries 125 Pounds and **Beats Fastest Sprinters** at the Fair Grounds.

SHOTS IN FRONT

Maxim, Jerry and Gen. Haig Win Their Races With 8 to 1 Laid Against Them.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 8.—Eddie Ricken-

backer, shouldering top weight of 125 unds and running with his usual condistency, was acclaimed the undisputed the sprinting division when he

king of the sprinting division when he won the Johnny Powers Memorial Handicap over the six furlong route at the Fair Grounds to-day by half a length. Tropical weather an dthe prize card of the meeting attracted an attendance comparable with any ever entertained at the historic course. They witnessed the victories of four heavily supported favorites and several close finishes, but it was evident that Rickenbacker's victory proved the most gratifying because of the wild applause that greeted him on his return to the scales, bearing the veteran J. W. Murphy, whose ebony face was wreathed in smiles with the satisfaction of winning the most prized race of the country, in the minds of professional horseman, at least for its sentimental value. ional horseman, at least for its senti-

mental value.

The memory of Powers, who was one of the country's foremost trainers at the time of his demise six years ago, is annually observed at the Fair Grounds by nually observed at the Fair Grounds by the running of the plate race Rickenbachker captured so convincingly to-day. From an extreme outside position the skinker gelding broke among the trailers, but quickly outfooted them and crossed to the rail to provide the hot pace for the remainder of the journey. The close battle a length behind him for the right to second honors between Columbia Tenn and Rapid Day proved quite as thrilling as Rickenbacher's indomitable effort, and was not decided until the final sixteenth, when Columbia Tenn drew away.

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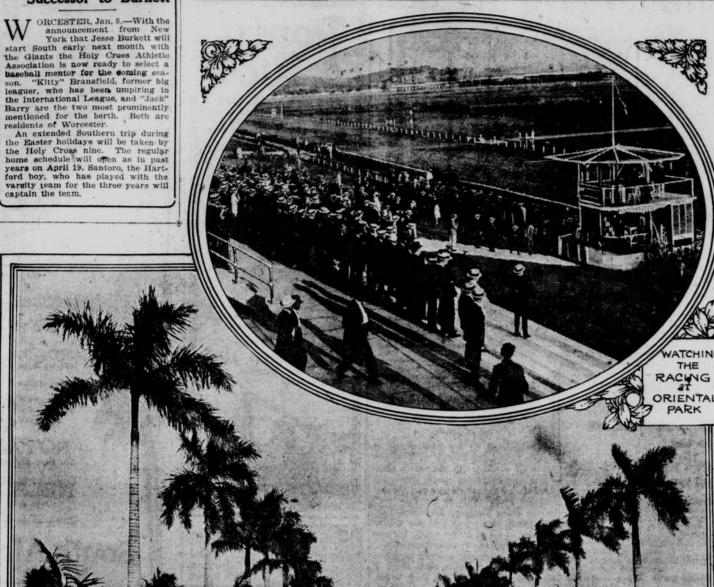
My Reverie, owned by R. J. Brown of New York, the speedy filly by Ultimus—Reflex, established herself as the best juvenile shown thus far at the meeting by the cleverness of her victory in the Dixis Junior purse, when she defeated the promising coit Lord Allen and incidentally equalled the track record of 0:351-5, created by Westy Hogan in 1916. Lord Allen showed the early way from a moving start, but the filly headed him quickly after he had forced her wide rounding the turn, and through the stretch she drew away handily to win by two lengths. Twelve lengths behind Lord Allen, the new comer, Happy Buxton, led the others.

The day's monetary feature, the Rex Handleap, over the mile and a sixteenth route, went to the much improved deneral Haig, at 8 to 1, after he and the others had followed an early pace provided by Parader and Grayson. The latter pair cracked badly after six furlongs and finished beaten off, while General Haig won going away from the lights. Tartalus who was driven out to

Not more than a half length separated the first six of the dozen contestants at the first six of the second, over the six furlong route. Marie Maxim, at 8 to 1, after being kept in close quarters throughout the running found an opening in the final strides and snatched victory from the pacemaker and favorite, Hidden Jewel, in the last stride. Jock Scot was placed third, while Shilling, Port Light and Meliora finished nows apart a neck behind him.

Sundial II. proved easily best of a clever band of classy platers over the mile and a seventy yard route after he had left the post slowly and was compelled to race around his field to attain

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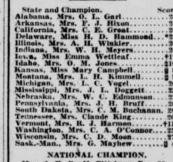
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